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HOUSE BILL 321

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

RICK MIERA

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE NEW MEXICO COMMISSION FOR THE
BLIND TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF AND CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION
OF INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND
HEARING- IMPAIRED PERSONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. One hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars
(\$178,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the New
Mexico commission for the blind for expenditure in fiscal year
1999 in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

(1) forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000) to
pay salaries and benefits for two additional full-time
employees; and

(2) one hundred thirty thousand dollars

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1 (\$130,000) to contract for the operation of four independent
2 living centers for visually impaired and hearing-impaired
3 persons. The centers shall be located in Santa Fe,
4 Albuquerque, Farmington and Las Cruces.

5 B. Any unexpended and unencumbered balance
6 remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the
7 general fund.

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4 **FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**
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11 **Mr. Speaker:**
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13 **Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to**
14 **whom has been referred**
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18 **has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE**
19 **in accordance with constitutional provisions.**
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21 **Respectfully submitted,**
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R. David Pederson, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Hobbs, Knowles, Nicely, Ryan, Sanchez, Williams, S.M

Absent: None

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